



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Downtown is going to look a little different... KC-based artist Alex Eickhoff was selected by the Osawatomie Arts Commission to design and install a large mural in the developing Hub community space at 530 Main Street. Stop by and say hello if you see him working on it this weekend! Welcome to Osawatomie, Alex! We couldn't be more excited to showcase your incredible talent!

The TALKING TOMBSTONES youth program is back in 2023! Perfect for students in 6th Grade or higher, this program helps kids research, write, and perform first-person narratives of some of our earliest residents inside our historic Oakwood Cemetery on the northern edge of town.

Have an interested student or child at home? Contact Grady Atwater or Dr. Morgan Menefee: gatwater@osawatomieks.org or mmenefee@osawatomieks.org.



WE'RE BREAKING GROUND!

On October 12th, 2023, at 5:00pm, the City of Osawatomie and Evergy Energy Partners are officially breaking ground on Osawatomie's community solar array! This once-in-a-generation development is located in the Northland area of Osawatomie (NW 335th Street and Osawatomie Road). A brief, joint program will precede the golden shovel ceremony with members of Osawatomie City Council and other area representatives.

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend the groundbreaking and share in this incredible achievement. Visit the site, learn more about the project and its impact on Osawatomie's utility network, and celebrate the next generation of rural sustainability!

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE!](#)



NEWS AND REMINDERS

OSAWATOMIE GOES GLOBAL

Members of City staff attended the annual International City/County Management Association (ICMA) conference in Austin, Texas this week and were honored to be selected as session hosts for three different topics that impact city management. In one session, City Manager Bret Glendening participated in a panel discussion with Jon Peacock (Manager of Pitkin County, Colorado) and Lindsay Freeman (Eversgy Energy Partners) on building microgrids to address climate adaptation. The panel was moderated by Mike Scanlon (former Osawatome City Manager and current Osawatome consultant).

The presentation referenced Osawatome's current partnership with Eversgy and our upcoming solar array, which officially breaks ground on October 12th. To learn more about our solar array and how it benefits our community, [visit our website!](#)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

October Calendar

6:30PM | MEMORIAL HALL
411 11TH ST, OSAWATOMIE

OCTOBER 12TH, 2023
OCTOBER 26TH, 2023



[residential trash pickup](#)



The City of Osawatome's solid waste partner, Waste Management, is reconfiguring routes within the community and your trash pickup may come earlier (or later) in the day than you're used to! To avoid missed service, please have your carts ready for pickup by 6:00am. This change will impact curbside AND alley pickup locations!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Osawatome Police Department issues Calls for Service reports that track the type and number of services performed by officers. [CLICK HERE to view the archive.](#)

2023 BORDER WAR BBQ COMING SOON!

The annual Border War BBQ contest is already heating up for 2023 -- teams are getting registered and the prize pot is full to the brim with over \$10,000 available! Registration is limited and the event will be here before we know it.

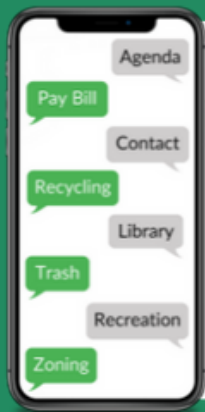
Ready to compete? Register your team today:
<https://www.borderwarbbq.com/2023-registration-form/>



CITY WIDE CLEANUP SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 14, 2023



The City of Osawatome and solid-waste partner Waste Management are preparing for the fall community-wide cleanup event. This **curbside** collection event is scheduled for October 14 and will be **limited to five bulky or irregular items**. [A flyer featuring permissible item types and other information is available on our website](#) or on our social media. Brown Avenue and Main Street residents impacted by road construction may get special instructions if road work will impede collection crews.



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